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SUBJECT: KH CEMENT PLANT PROJECTS

REF: KHARTOUM 306

1. KH REPS AGAIN REVIEWED STATUS THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH US FEB 3. THEY STATED MINSTATE IDRIS HAS PASSED TO NIMEIRI BOTH OFFENDING LETTER FROM MININDUSTRY WHICH PRECIPITATED PROBLEM, PLUS TWO LEGAL OPINIONS FROM COMPANY'S SUDANESE LAWYER IN REBUTTAL. IDRIS CLAIMED NIMEIRI DEEPLY DISTURBED BY MININDUSTRY ACTION AND WOULD ACT TO RECTIFY MATTERS. KH REPS HAVE ALSO HEARD, AS HAVE WE, THAT NUMBER CABINET CHANGES ARE IN OFFING WHICH WILL DUNCLUE DISMISSAL MININDUSTRY SULIMAN. IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION KH REPS SAID THAT, IN LIGHT FOREGOING, THEY FELT NO FURTHER DEMARCHES ON PART EMBASSY WERE INDICATED AT PRESENT.

2. KH REPS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EMBASSY'S EFFORTS SO FAR. AMBASSADOR INFORMED THEM HE HAD REQUESTED MEETING WITH MININDUSTRY SULIMAN BUT HAD HAD NO RESPONSE. COMPANY REPS INDICATED SUCH MEETING UNLIKELY TO HELP.

3. COMMENT. WE BY NO MEANS SANGUINE THAT PROBLEM WILL SOON BE RESOLVED BY EARLIER APPROACH TO FINANCE MINISTER BIHEIRY (STATE REFTL) IN COURSE NEXT FEW DAYS MIGHT

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BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. AT OUR REQUEST KH REPS WILL CONTINUE

COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH US IN ORDER DETERMINE
WHEN FURTHER INITIATIVE BY EMBASSY MIGHT BE DESIRABLE. MEANWHILE
AMBASSADOR OF COURSE REMAINS PREPARED RESPOND TO ANY REQUEST
FOR MEETING FROM NIMEIRI OR A MINISTER ON THIS SUBJECT.
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